

Thornberry	Van Hollen	Whitfield
Tiahrt	Velázquez	Wicker
Tiberi	Visclosky	Wilson (NM)
Tierney	Vitter	Wilson (SC)
Towns	Walden (OR)	Wolf
Turner (OH)	Wamp	Wu
Turner (TX)	Watt	Wynn
Udall (CO)	Weiner	Young (AK)
Udall (NM)	Weldon (PA)	
Upton	Weller	

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The SPEAKER. On this rollcall, 321 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BLUNT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 743. An act to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2264. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1172. An act to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1177. An act to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1267. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide the District of Columbia with autonomy over its budgets, and for other purposes.

S. 2000. An act to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 108-132, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following individuals to the Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States—

Al Cornella, of South Dakota, and James A. Thompson, of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 108-79, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints Gustavus

Aldolphus Puryear, IV, of Tennessee to the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission for a term of two years.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 108-79, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission—

James Evan Aiken, of North Carolina, and

Cindy Struckman-Johnson, of South Dakota.

#### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 14, 2004.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Capitol Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed is a copy of my official resignation letter that was sent to the Governor of South Dakota and the SD Secretary of State.

I will be resigning from the House of Representatives effective 11:59 p.m. on January 20, 2004.

Please let me know if there are any further formalities which I must perform or accomplish to effectuate this resignation.

Thank you for all the courtesies you have extended to me and the people of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW.

Enclosure.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 14, 2004.

Hon. MIKE ROUNDS,  
Governor of South Dakota,  
Pierre, SD.

Hon. CHRIS NELSON,  
Secretary of State,  
Pierre, SD.

DEAR GOVERNOR ROUNDS AND SECRETARY OF STATE NELSON: I wish to inform you that because of present circumstances, I am and will be unable to perform the duties incumbent upon me in representing the people of South Dakota as their US Representative.

Therefore, I wish to inform you that I will resign from the House of Representatives effective 11:59 p.m. on January 20, 2004.

Representing the people of South Dakota in all the capacities that I have over the years has brought a treasure of memories and friends. This includes the year I have spent in the US House.

I am thankful to the people of South Dakota for the courtesies they have shown me.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ, CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ROBERT MENENDEZ, Chairman, Democratic Caucus:

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
January 5, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you that the Honorable Ralph Hall of Texas has resigned as a Member of the Democratic Caucus effective immediately.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MENENDEZ,  
Chairman.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 20, 2004.

Hon. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT,  
Chairman, Committee on Science, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is to advise you that Representative Ralph M. Hall's election to the Committee on Science has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective January 5, 2004.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 20, 2004.

Hon. W.J. (BILLY) TAUZIN,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is to advise you that Representative Ralph M. Hall's election to the Committee on Energy and Commerce has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective January 5, 2004.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House.

#### COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 486) providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 486

*Resolved*, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.